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SUBJECT: REPLY FROM THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

¶1. Mission received the following reply from Christine Chanet, Chairperson, Human Rights Committee, to a letter from Glyn Davies regarding the United States' combined second and third periodic reports. This communication has been forwarded to IO/SHA and DRL/MLA via fax and is number 24 on the Geneva 2005 Communications Log.

¶2. Begin text of letter:

28 July 2005

Reference: PG/PW/vd

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 22 July 2005. In that correspondence, you informed the Human Rights Committee that the U.S. Government would not be in a position to submit its combined second and third reports by the time of the Committee's 84th session (July 2005), as previously indicated in the letter of Mr. M. Kozak of 24 March 2005. You also indicated your Government's intention to submit them as soon as possible after this year.

After careful consideration of the matter, the Committee wishes to inform you that the above-mentioned reports should be submitted by 17 October 2005, the starting date of the Committee's 85th session. In the absence of those reports, the Committee will adopt a list of issues on the specific concerns contained in its letter of 27 July 2004 (the effect of measures taken in the fight against terrorism following the events of 11 September 2001 and notably the implications of the Patriot Act on nationals as well as non-nationals; and problems relating to the legal status and treatment of persons detained in Afghanistan, Guantanamo, Iraq, and other places of detention outside of the United States of America - copy attached for ease of reference) with a view to examining any other matters in the light of replies from your Government to the list of issues on these concerns at its 86th session to be held from 13 to 31 March 2006.

Thank you in advance for your forthcoming reply.

Sincerely

Christine Chanet  
Chairperson  
Human Rights Committee

cc: H.E. Amb. Kevin E. Moley  
Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other International Organizations

End text of letter.

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